



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Room  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep  
Ellen Hall, Member at Large  
Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large  
Zana Gordon, Member at Large

Staff: Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Services  
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary  
Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Stafford Richter, Member at Large, with regrets

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The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

### 1) **AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 8, 2023 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the May 11, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED**

### 3) **PRESENTATION**

- a) City's Adopt a Program, (previously called Point of Pride Program), by Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor
- The program is run through the City's Recreation Department
  - Tera is working to revitalize the program similar to what the City of Port Coquitlam has in place, see link: [Adopt-a-SPOT - City of Port Coquitlam](#)
  - Our program would allow people to choose to 'Adopt a' park, street, trail, etc.
  - Applications would be required annually to manage applicants' commitment and get feedback from volunteers.
  - Outline expectations of individuals VS organizations, such as schools
  - Create a reporting system to track progress, hours worked and help streamline the process.
  - Recognition signs – to be placed on site after a minimum requirement (period of hours volunteered) has been met.
  - LFN offered to check for previous recognition signs posted, from a list to be supplied by City of Langley.
  - A budget to be established for supplies such as compostable bags, pickers, vests, etc., recognition program, staff time for mapping areas on the website and the creation of a public user database.

**ACTION:** Would the ESC be able to assist and support staff in preparing the new program for launch at Earth Day 2024. We will add this item to the September 2023 meeting agenda and reconvene with Tera at that time.

**ACTION:** Discuss with Engineering Operations if they are able to assist in making "Recognition Signs" for those who participate in an Adopt-a-program.

### 4) **DISCUSSION**

1. Community Day Update:
- An overflow tote will be at the waste stations so when containers fill up the bags can be transferred to the bigger tote. City BSW will collect and empty the large totes throughout the day.
  - N. Marpoles & L. Dreves will bring 3 tents.
  - LEPS display will be set up beside a waste station.
  - DRC Electronic sign board will be used to advertise the event & date.
  - Waste will be audited.
  - Committee to create recommendations and requirements for applicants providing food at a city event, with a goal of creating a policy to be given when they make application to participate in an event.
  - Consultants and City staff will be at the event to talk to the public about the City's Urban Forest plan. A Survey is available on the city website until July 16, 2023.

2. Nicomekl River Clean Up Event (LEPS) will be on August 26, 2023
  - Event time is 10:00am to 1:00pm
  - Volunteers are to meet at the 203 St entrance to the Nicomekl River Floodplain.
  - There is no requirement to sign up, just show up on the date and time.
  - Gloves, pickers and bags will be provided.

**ACTION:** The Communications officer will post event information to City's social media platforms.

3. May Meeting Action Item Updates:
  - City of Langley 'Thank you' cards were given to members of the ESC to distribute to businesses that donate or contribute to City Events.
  - Staff were unable to locate Waste Station signs & banners used at Community Day 2022.
  - City's Operations dept is researching for any products to cover 204 St overpass expansion gaps.
  - A Watari's mock-up textile project to be shared at a Fall 2023 ESC meeting.
4. Follow up on these items at the July 13 meeting:
  - The group discussed the possibility of creating an Environmental sustainability recognition/appreciation program for local business. A program with a point system.
  - S. Richter will research other municipalities that offer a similar program and how it works, then inform the committee.

**ACTION:** City staff to arrange posting the ESC's Dog waste posters at trail heads, city parks and dog parks. Would installation of posts by City be required for this?

**ACTION:** Currently, there are no garbage facilities in the Trail network between Portage Park and Langley Community School or in the large area of new development on 198 St between 53 and 56 Avenues. Request staff to examine implementation.

**ACTION:** Ask Engineering Parks & Operations where Langley residents can purchase water bags to use on their properties. This is a proven effective way to water trees during summer droughts without water waste and run off.

## 5) **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) Poster / Flyer – Determine Future Topic Ideas:
  - S. Richter suggested a Container Gardening poster, targeting multi-family residents.
- b) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends:
  - Food Security

- Climate Action Strategy (ie. Emergency Preparedness)
  - Chair discussed having a packaging summit with the Langley City business community and review the results with CKF Inc., here in Langley.
- c) World Oceans Day, annual celebration every June 8<sup>th</sup>:
- Committee will revisit this topic in a fall meeting.
  - Rivers to Oceans week starts June 8 to 14. Committee to look into highlighting the Nicomekl River that runs to the ocean.
  - Add this to the ESC 2024 Work Plan.

## 5) **ROUND TABLE**

Vice Chair will be attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lower Fraser Forum in Chilliwack by the Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition (LFFC). "The goal of this Forum is to build relationships across the various governments and agencies that deal with flood management, to identify what's working and figure out how best to tailor new provincial initiatives to support the work that needs to happen in our region,"

Member shared information about their visit to a market on Galiano island where they offered real utensils for use, that got dropped off and washed for re-use.

Member shared seeing a residential front lawn that has been turned into a food garden and thought it would be a good idea for the city to encourage this and offer tax rebates for residents who choose to do this on their property.

**ACTION:** LFN requested city staff to move the float logs in Brydon Lagoon back to the middle of the Lagoon. They all ended up at the west end after the spring flooding. LFN has more logs if city needs some.

LEPS AGM will be held on June 26 at the Firehouse café in Aldergrove. Vice Chair would like to have City Council representatives attend and acknowledge all the hard work LEPS does for the city.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:47 pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:  
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